

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all currently pending claims without prejudice to their future prosecution.
Please add the following new claims.

34. (New) A method for detecting the presence or amount of an analyte of interest in a test sample, comprising:

providing an optical assay device, said optical assay device comprising a base comprising absorbent material, and a member comprising an optically active test stack, said member rotatably coupled to said base for rotation between a lowered position where said optically active test stack contacts said absorbent material and a raised position where said optically active test stack does not contact said absorbent material;

applying said test sample to said optically active test stack, wherein said member is in said lowered position;

applying a conjugate to said optically active test stack;

applying a wash to said optically active test stack;

rotating said member to said raised position;

applying an amplifying reagent solution to said optically active test stack;

rotating said member to said lowered position; and

observing said optically active test stack for a visual indication of the presence or amount of the analyte of interest.

35. (New) A method for detecting the presence or amount of an analyte of interest in a test sample, comprising:

providing an optical assay device, said optical assay device comprising a base comprising absorbent material, and a member comprising an optically active test stack, said member rotatably coupled to said base for rotation between a lowered position where said optically active test stack contacts said absorbent material and a raised position where said optically active test stack does not contact said absorbent material;

applying said test sample to said optically active test stack, wherein said member is in said raised position;